The 1955 HEMLOCK

Tiptoe through a fairy glade
To a little garden dreaming
In a green and silver shade.

This came I out for to seek--the daffodil's gold,
The magic buds all unfolding, the treasure untold
That lies in the heart of the forest, the moss and the leaves,
The jewel of flowers in the thicket, that no eye perceives;
And these will I weave into music, these will I fashion to words,
The wind in the grass and the rushes, the dawn-song of birds.

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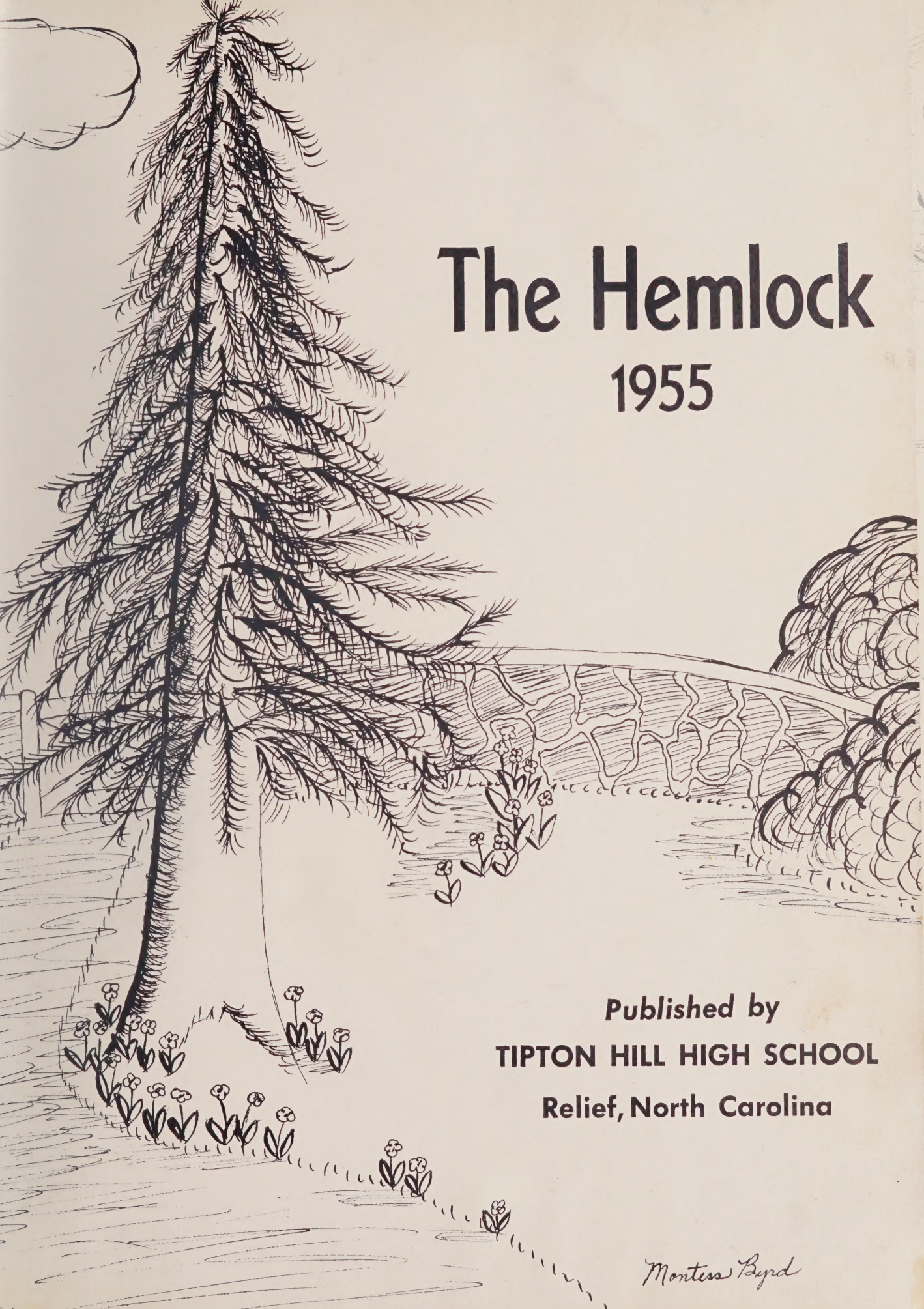

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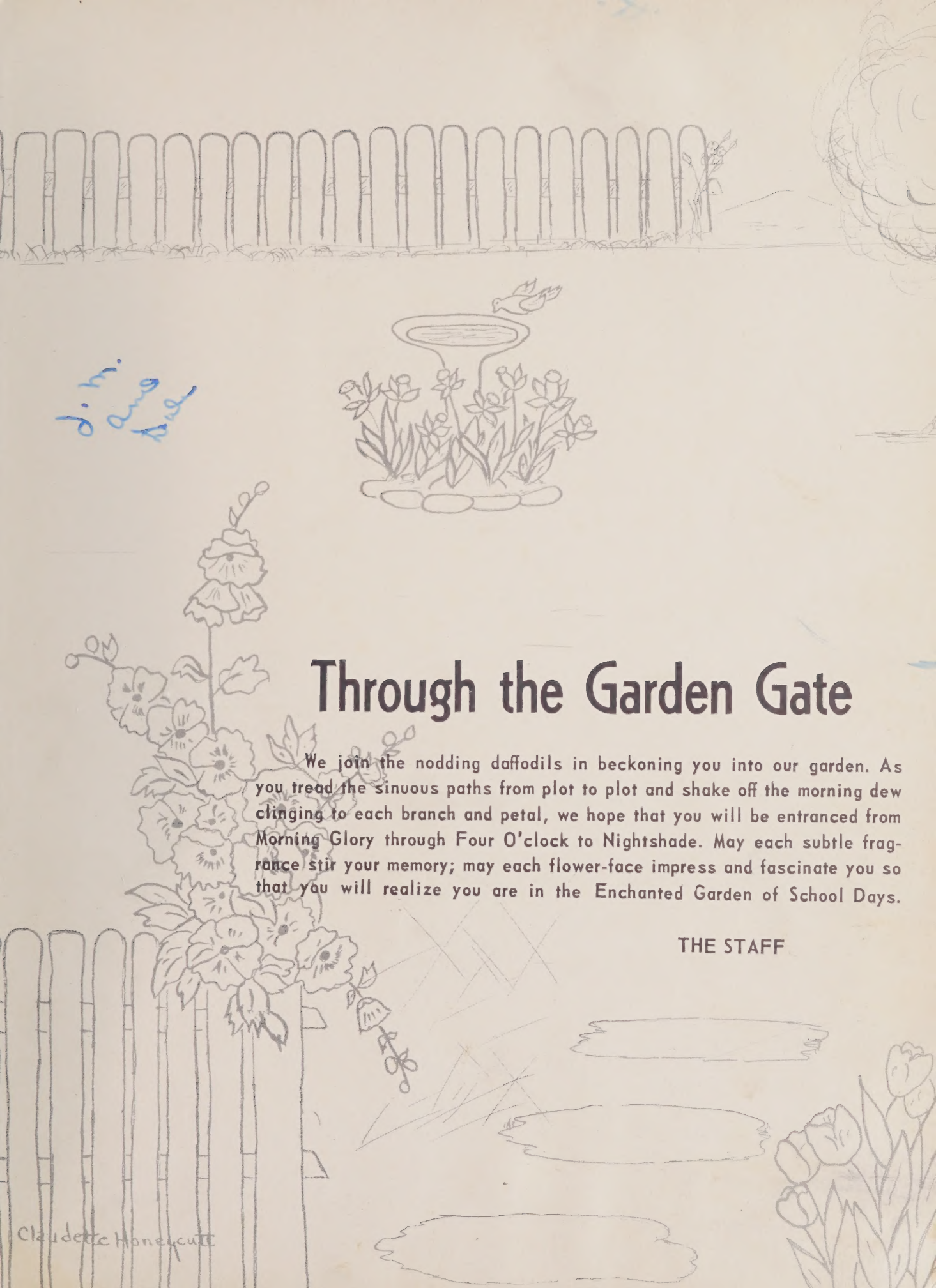
Through the Garden Gate

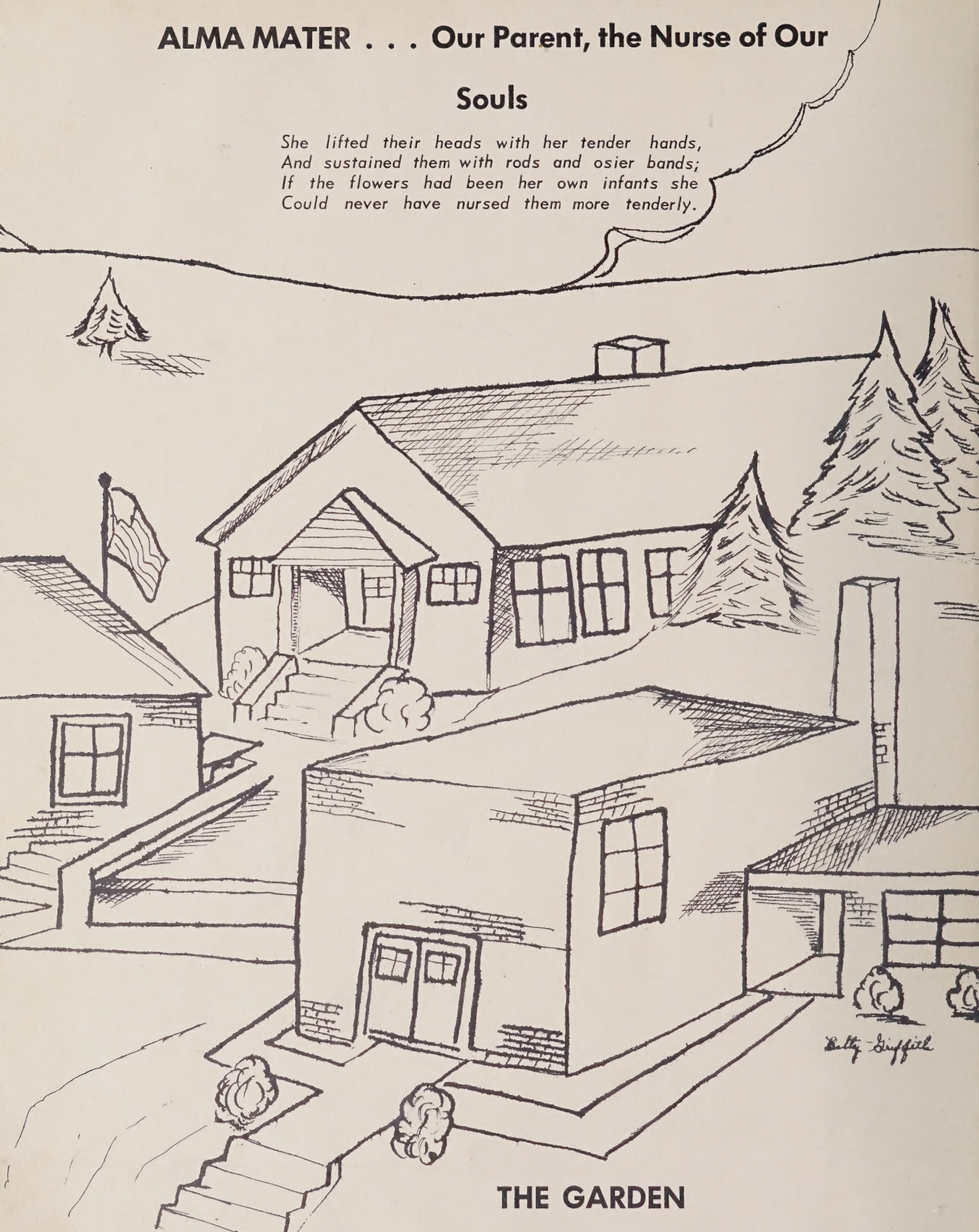
We join the nodding daffodils in beckoning you into our garden. As you tread the sinuous paths from plot to plot and shake off the morning dew clinging to each branch and petal, we hope that you will be entranced from Morning Glory through Four O'clock to Nightshade. May each subtle fragrance stir your memory; may each flower-face impress and fascinate you so that you will realize you are in the Enchanted Garden of School Days.

THE STAFF



ALMA MATER . . . Our Parent, the Nurse of Our Souls

She lifted their heads with her tender hands,
And sustained them with rods and osier bands;
If the flowers had been her own infants she
Could never have nursed them more tenderly.



THE GARDEN

At one time all flowers were wild, and many of the beautiful varieties which are cultivated today did not exist. But naturalists gather these scattered specimens and place them in a well-planned garden where, under expert care, they are improved and cultivated. Just as the flowers are taken from the wild and cultivated, so are the students developed by Tipton Hill High School into the individuals of strength and personality.

Dedication

We, the Annual Staff, dedicate the 1955 HEMLOCK to Mrs. Beeson. Her loyal work in organizing and directing the Beta Club, her devotion to the preparation of the HEMLOCK, and her sponsorship of the Senior Class bespeak her interest in our school. Her faithfulness to and friendship for each student of Tipton Hill High School makes each school day more enjoyable.

THE STAFF

THE BUSY BEE AND GARDENERS

The great gardener grafts the excellence
On wildings where he will.

Every garden should have its expert gardeners tending the plants and busy bees flitting from place to place to bring the flowers into full fruition. Our School Board and Committeemen are our Gardeners and our County Superintendent is the leader of the Busy Bees.

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THE GOOD FAIRIES OF THE GARDEN

Gardens are supposed to be frequented by fairies, such as Oberon and Titania, who have power to induce growth, vigor, beauty, and color, as well as to perform helpful services. True fairies are always ardently fond of flowers, giving to each maturing blossom its proper hue, guiding creepers and climbing plants, and teaching all young plants to move with befitting grace.

Teachers, we salute you. For you we each wear the four-leaf clover, the only plant that serves as magic talisman to enable the wearer to see the fairies in the garden.

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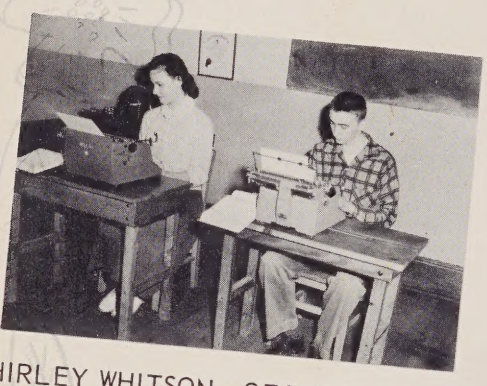

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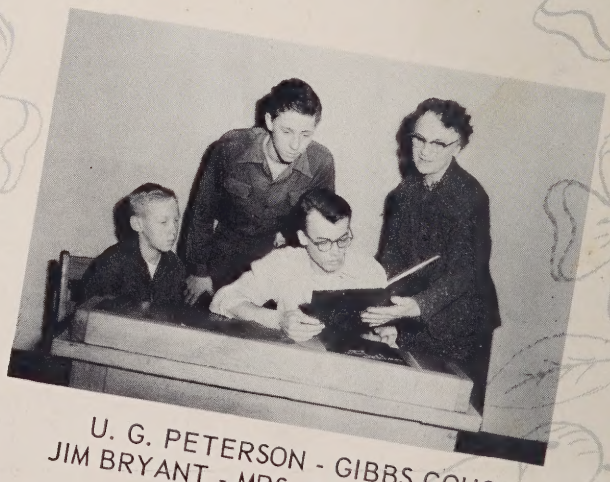

U. G. PETERSON - GIBBS GOUGE
JIM BRYANT - MRS. BEESON, SPONSOR

THE HUMMING BIRD

The Sunlight speaks, and its voice is a bird:
It glimmers half-guessed, half-seen, half-heard,
Above the flowerbed, over the lawn.

The members of THE HEMLOCK Staff flit and flutter, flit and flutter through the garden to gather the essence of Tipton Hill High School for you.

THE FLOWERS

Flowers have an expression of countenance as much as men or animals. Some seem to smile; some have a sad expression; some are pensive and diffident; others again are plain, honest and upright, like the broad-faced sunflower and the hollyhock.

THE BOUQUET OF ROSES

Every rose in the bouquet
Is making faces at me!

Some look surprised when I pass by,
And others droop--but they are shy.

These two whose heads together press
Tell secrets I could never guess.

Some have their heads thrown back to sing,
And all the birds are listening.

I wonder if the gardener knows,
Or if he calls each just a rose?

The members of our senior class are the very pick of the garden, the finest prized productions of the years of culture. They are as colorful as the individual flowers in the most varied bouquet, each displaying his own individuality. Some highlight in beauty, others surpass in scholarship, win crowns in athletics, brighten with a vivid sense of humor, or glow with winsome personality.

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ROYAL BLUE and WHITE

FLOWER

WHITE ROSE

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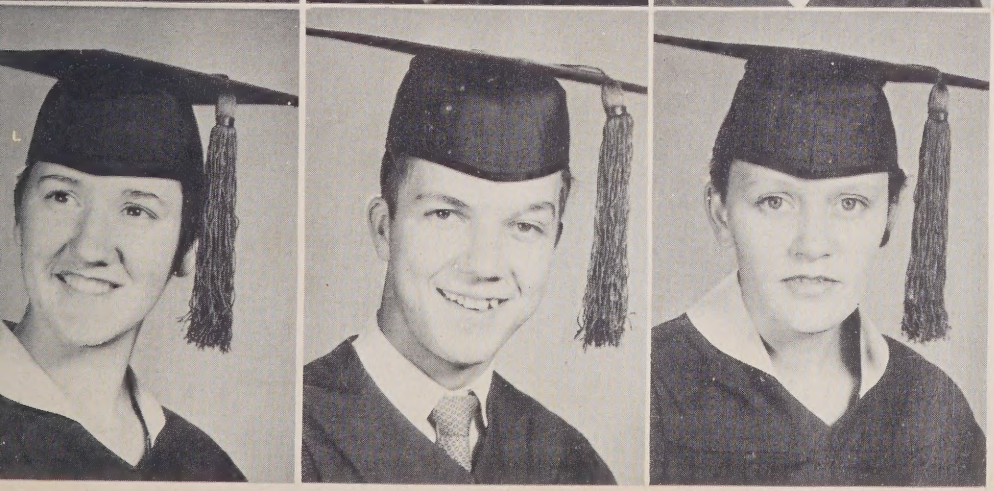

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"Babe"

CAROL CHRISTINE HARRELL
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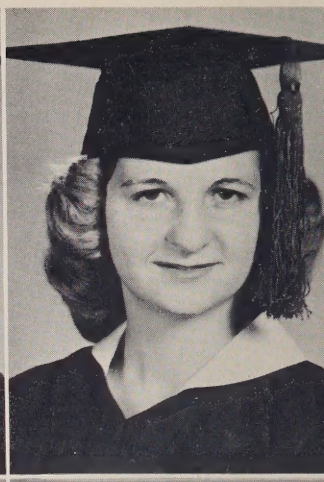

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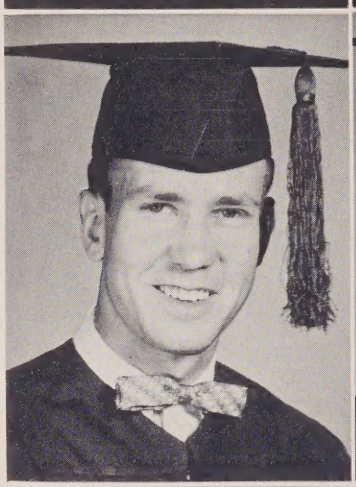
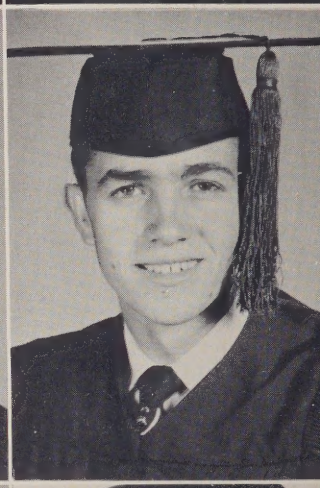
"Satch"





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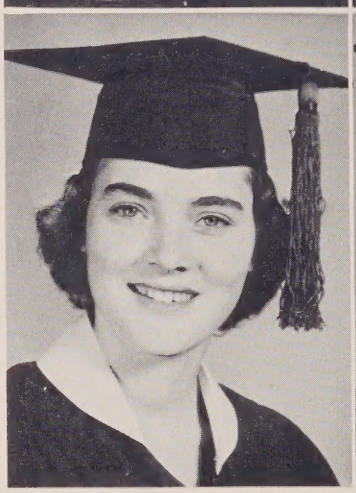

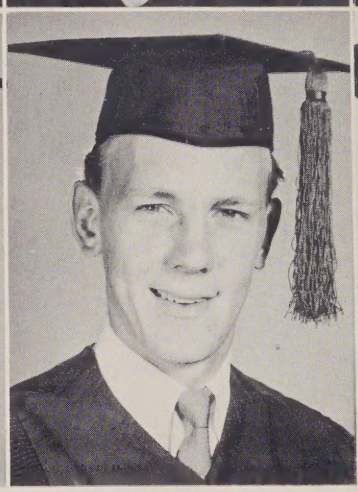

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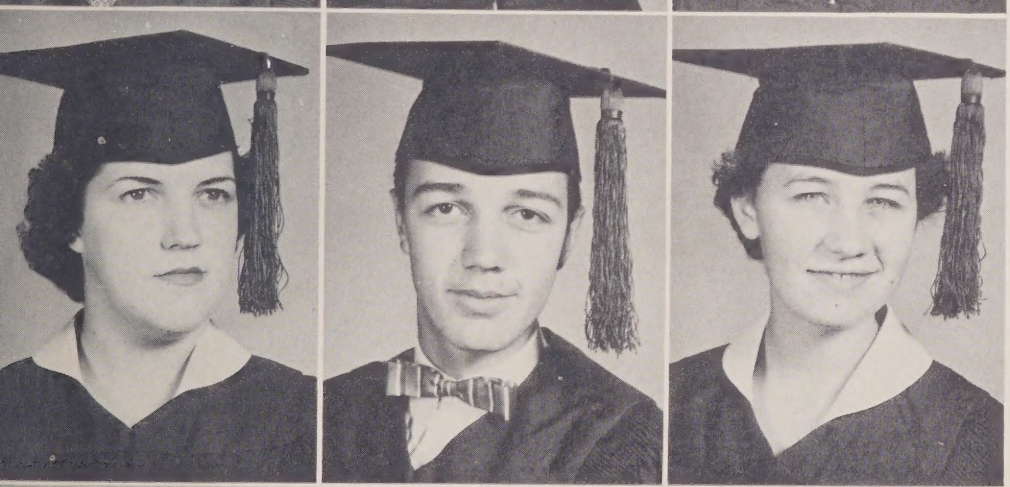

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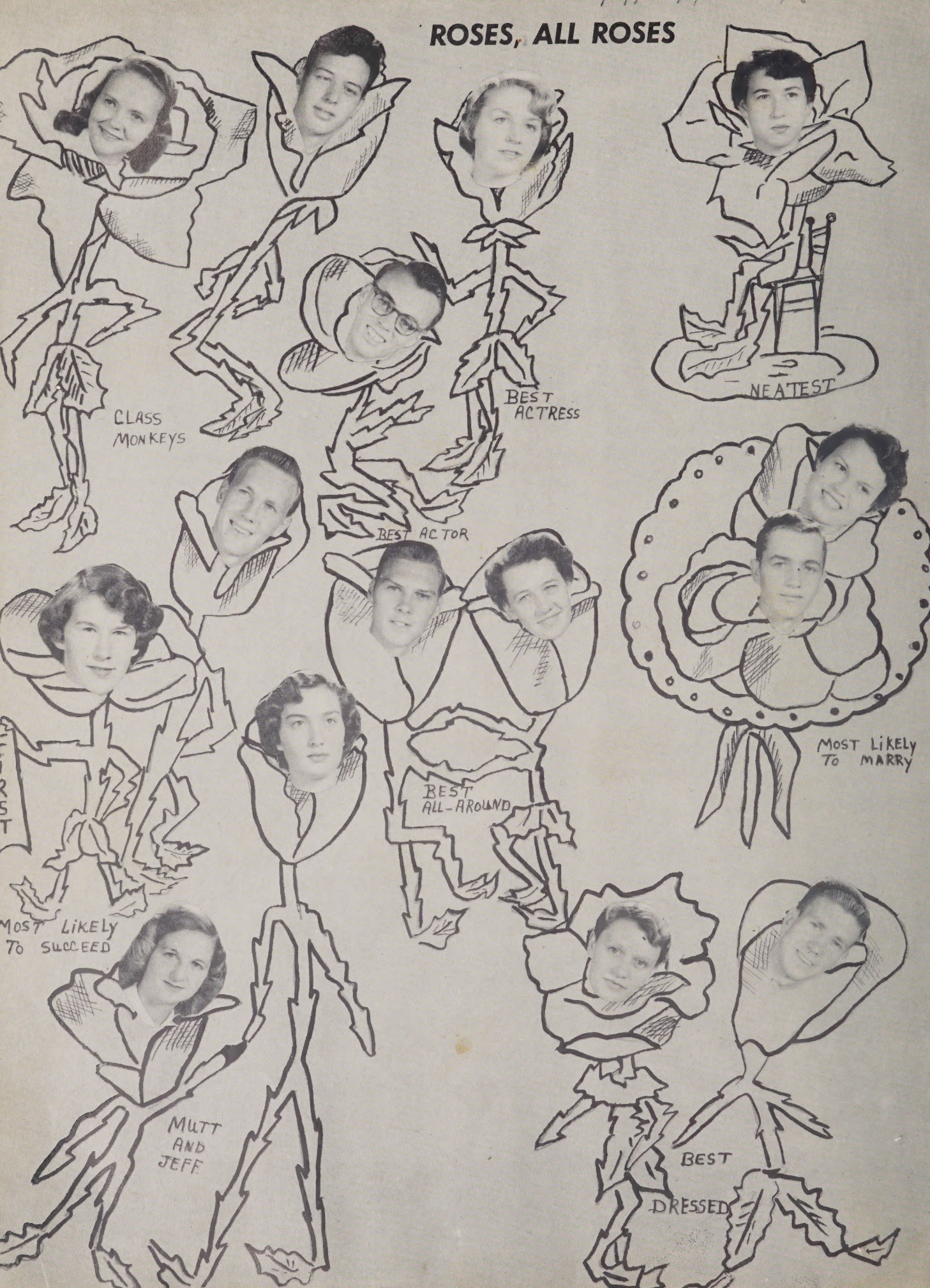

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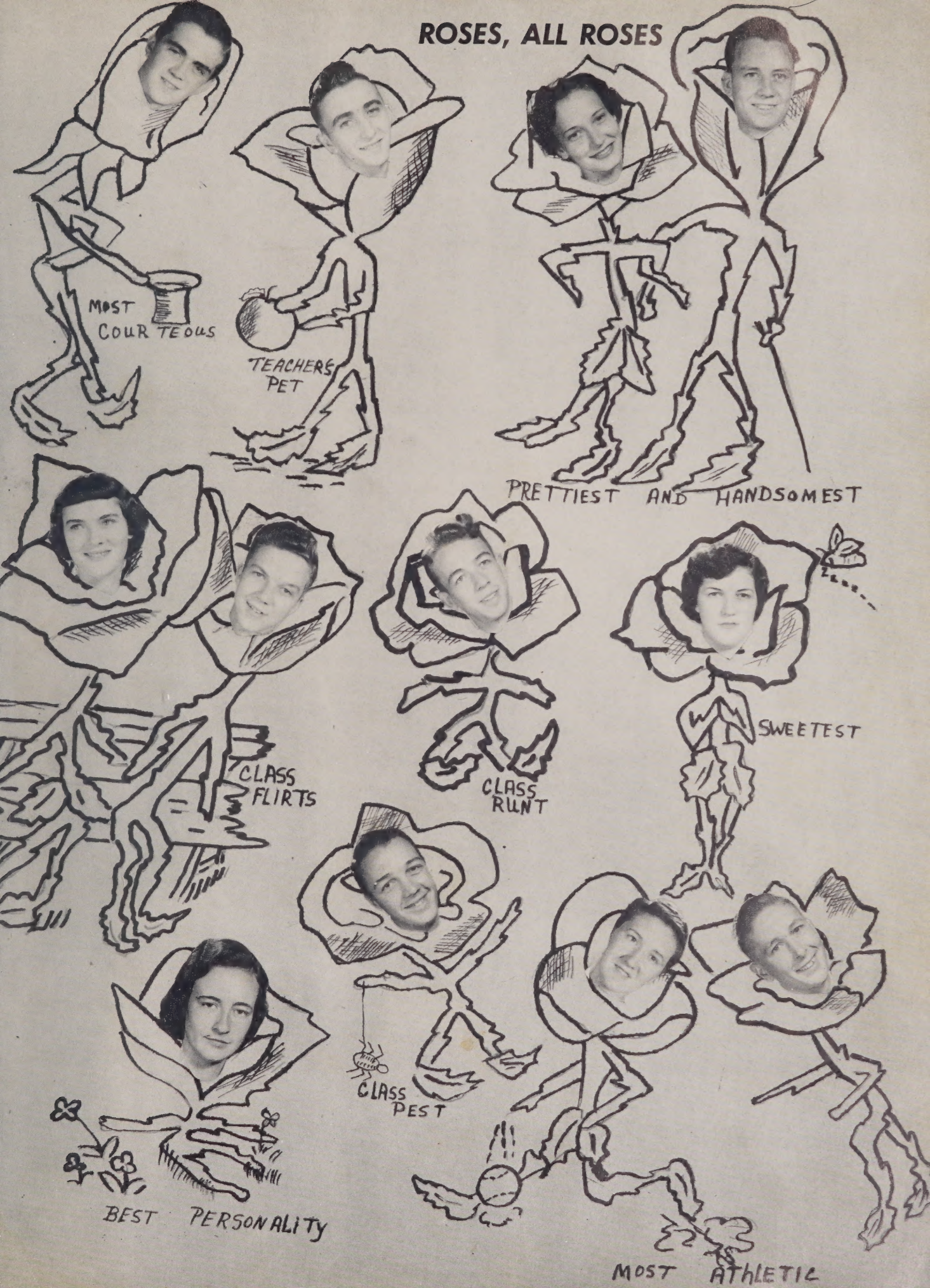
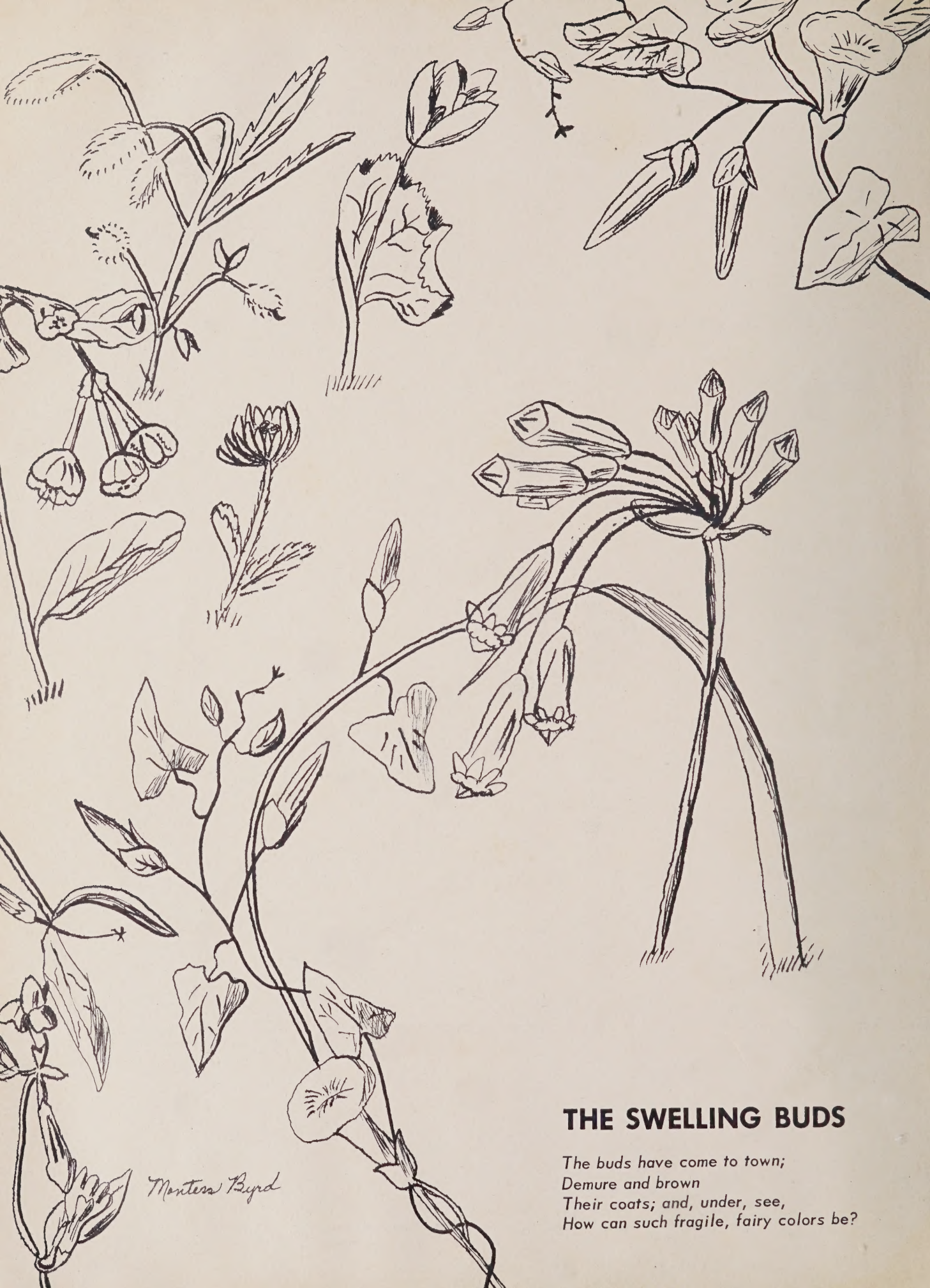
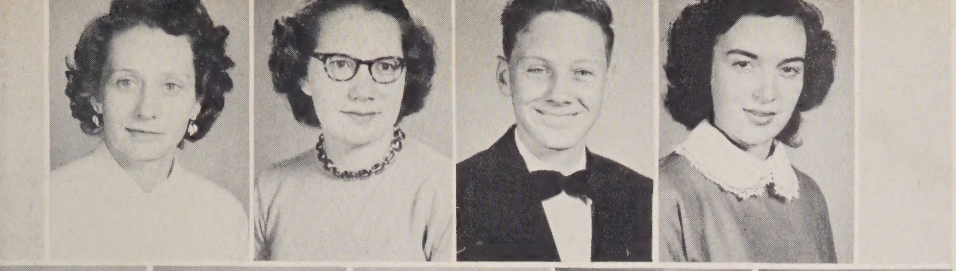




THE SWELLING BUDS

The buds have come to town;
Demure and brown
Their coats; and, under, see,
How can such fragile, fairy colors be?



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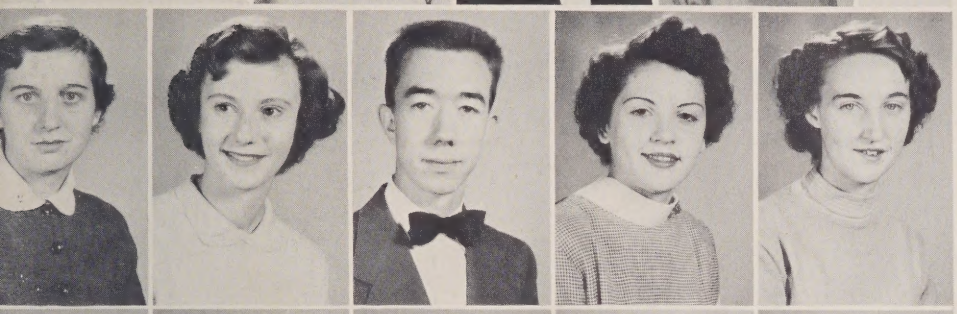

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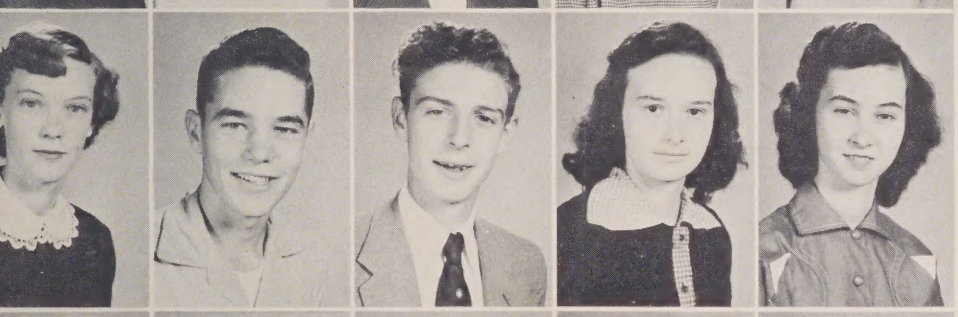

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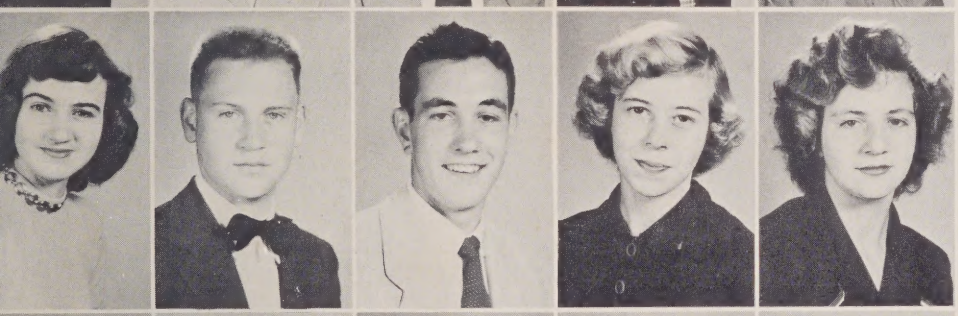

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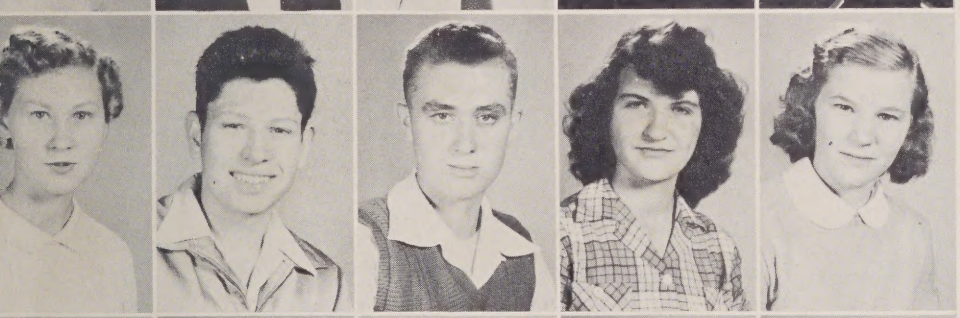

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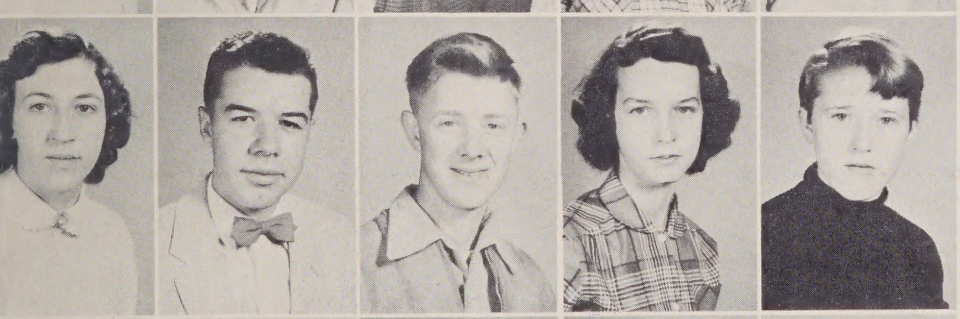

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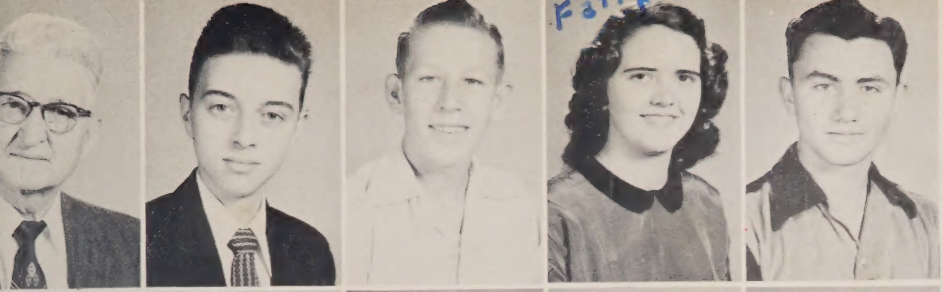
DAFFY - DOWN - DILLIES

O Daffy-down-dilly,
So brave and so true!
I wish all were like you!-
So ready for duty
In all sorts of weather,
And loyal to courage
And duty together.



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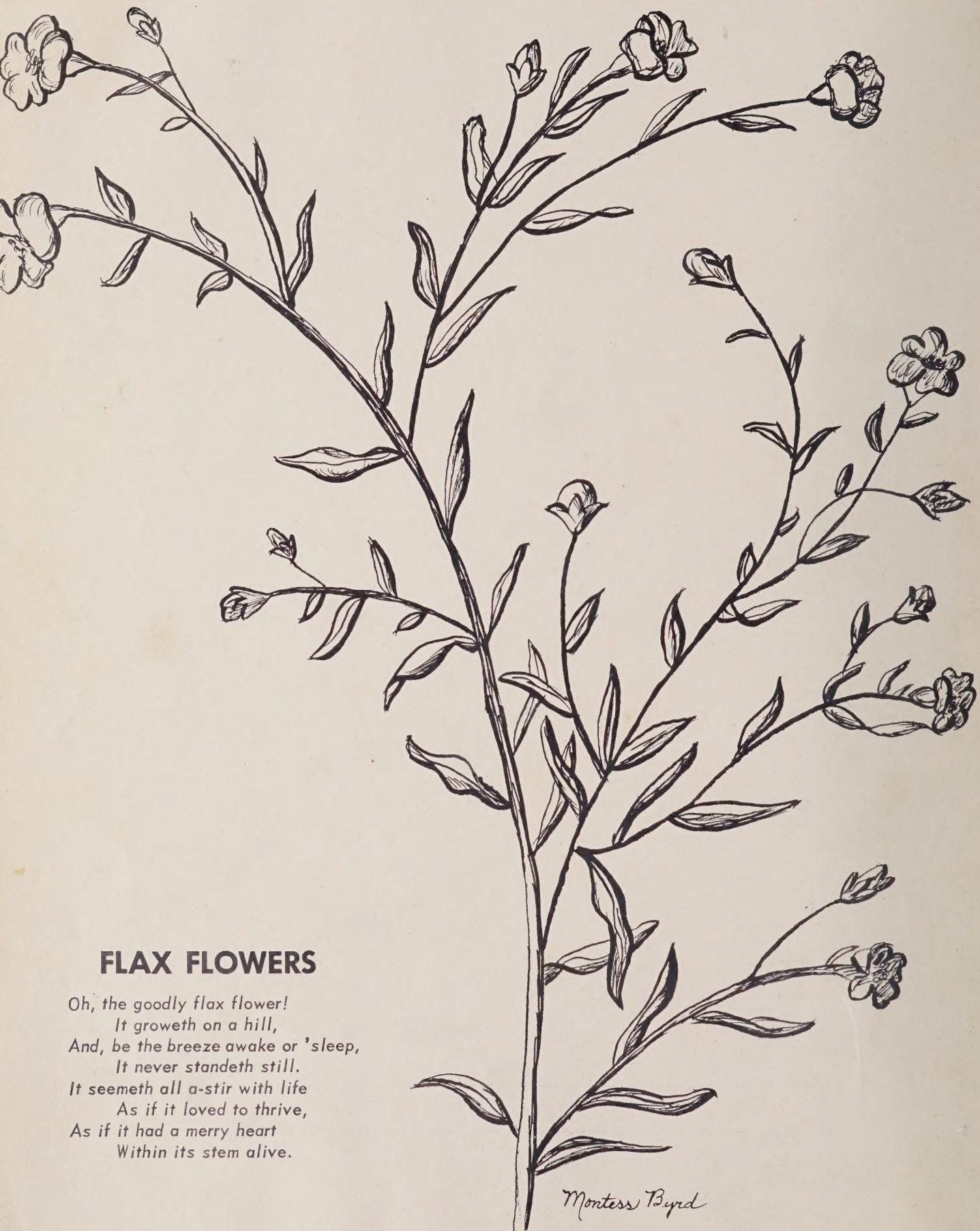

FLAX FLOWERS

Oh, the goodly flax flower!
It groweth on a hill,
And, be the breeze awake or 'sleep,
It never standeth still.
It seemeth all a-stir with life
As if it loved to thrive,
As if it had a merry heart
Within its stem alive.

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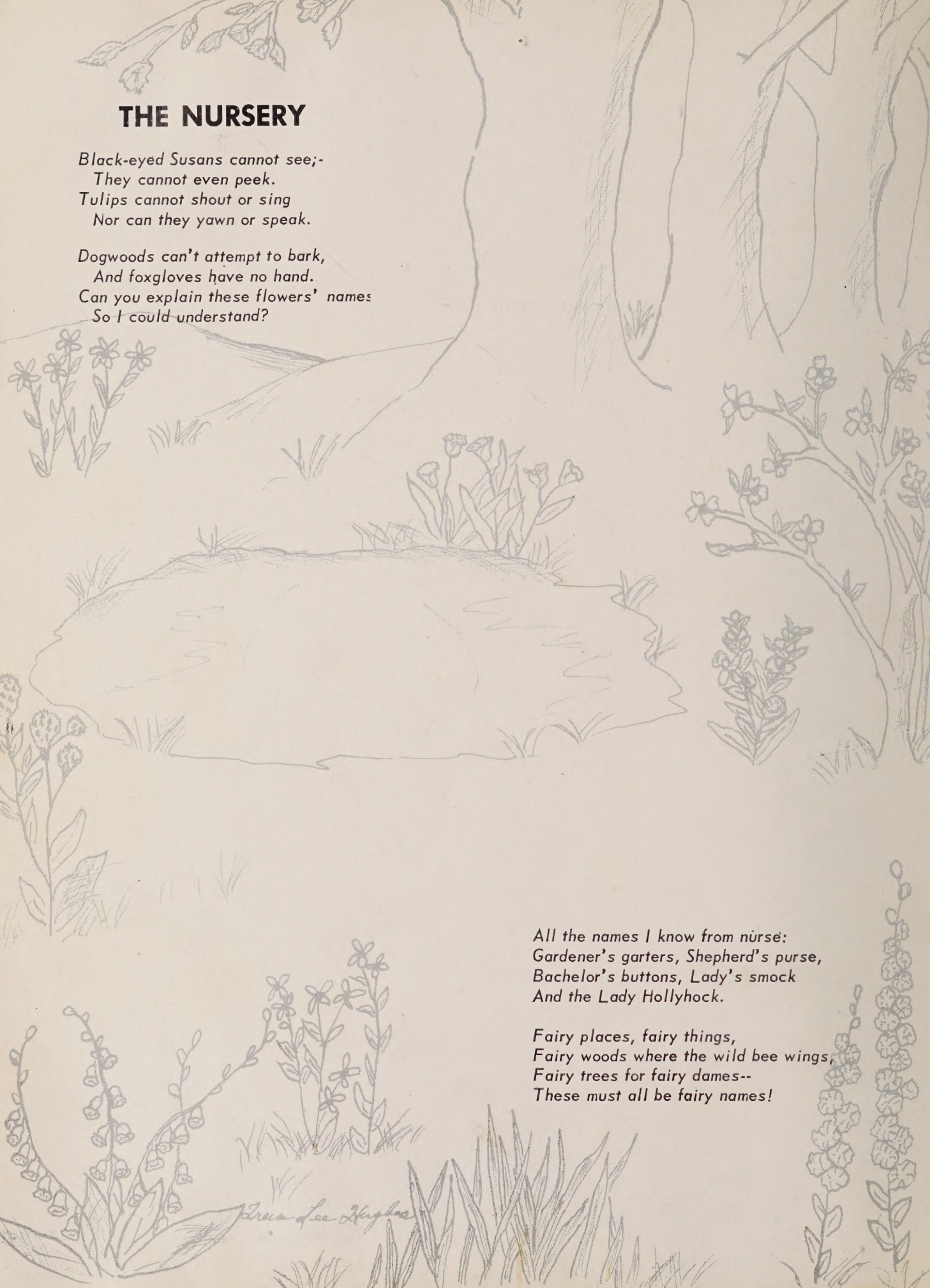
THE NURSERY

Black-eyed Susans cannot see;-
They cannot even peek.
Tulips cannot shout or sing
Nor can they yawn or speak.

Dogwoods can't attempt to bark,
And foxgloves have no hand.
Can you explain these flowers' names
So I could understand?



All the names I know from nurse:
Gardener's garters, Shepherd's purse,
Bachelor's buttons, Lady's smock
And the Lady Hollyhock.

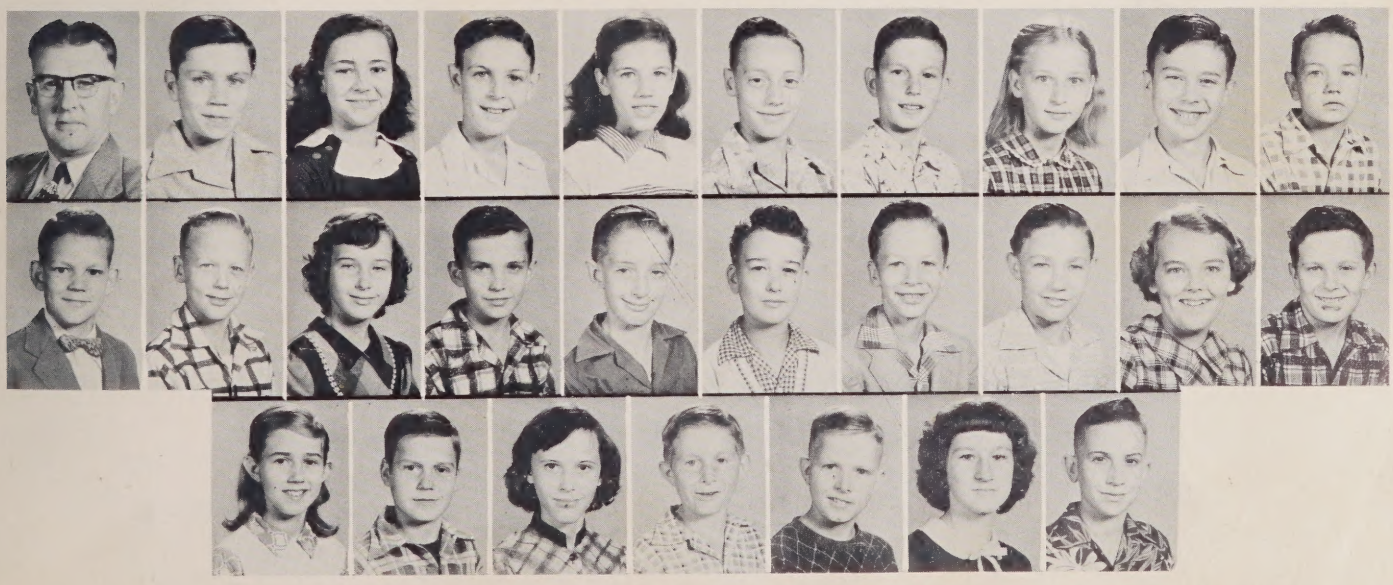
Fairy places, fairy things,
Fairy woods where the wild bee wings,
Fairy trees for fairy dames--
These must all be fairy names!

"Of what are you afraid, my child?" inquired the kindly teacher.
"Oh, sir! the flowers, they are wild," replied the timid creature.

EIGHTH GRADE MRS. CLARA R. HENSLEY, *Teacher*

SEVENTH GRADE

MRS. JOYCE S. MASTERS, *Teacher*



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FIRST GRADE

MRS. PAULINE W. BYRD, *Teache*

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MRS. ALMA B. GRIFFITH, *Teacher*

Gather ye rosebuds while ye may!

BETA CLUB

First Row: Opal Whitson, Sylvia Byrd, Carol Harrell, Shirley Whitson, Ted Whitson, Montess Byrd, Velva Bennett, Shelby Jean Moffitt, Claudette Honeycutt. *Second Row:* Alice Peterson, Frances Pate, Betty Griffith, Mrs. Beeson, *Sponsor;* Gene Herrell, Jack Whitson, Darrell Slagle, Sherrill Tipton, Ted Tipton, Wanda Hope Whitson, Treva Lee Hughes, Jim Bryant, Mr. Wetzel, *Ex-officio Member.*

FIREFLIES

As fireflies continually light the path to lead and serve all who enter the garden, so Beta Club illuminates our school.

DEBATING TEAM

They leave their names on the wings of a phrase and a flower.

Darrell Slagle, Jim Bryant, Mr. Edwards, *Coach;* John Bradshaw, Ted Whitson, Peggy Whitson, Frances Pate, and Betty Holt Griffith.

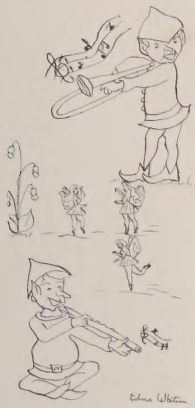
LIBRARY GUILD

And a blossom for a book.

Miss Buchanan, *Sponsor;* J. R. Street, Sylvia Byrd, Opal Whitson, Lois Sturgill, Velva Bennett, Daisy Copper, Alice Peterson, Faye Harrell, Treva Lee Hughes, Jack Whitson, and Gibbs Gouge.

BAND

.....The King of Faery's daughter
And an Elf with magic flute.



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DIRECTOR; Janet Godshall

GLEE CLUB

Flower-de-Luce

O flower of song, bloom on,
and make forever
The world more fair and sweet.

HANDICRAFT

J. D. Hughes ..... *President*
Sherrill Tipton ..... *Vice-President*
Darrell Slagle..... *Secretary-Treasurer*
Mrs. Yelton ..... *Sponsor*

These must be fairy miners...
They take the shining metals
And beat them into shreds;
And mould them into petals,
To make the flowers' heads.

HOBBY CLUB

Nealy Jo Gouge..... *President*
Mary Ilaf Tipton ..... *Vice-President*
Sara Ann Honeycutt..... *Secretary-Treasurer*

Dainty fairy lace-work, O so finely spun,
Lying on the grasses and shining in the sun,
Guess the fairies washed you and spread you out to dry,
And left you there, a-glistening and a-shining to the sky!

I pledge my head to clearer thinking,
My heart to greater loyalty,
My hands to larger service,
My health to better living
For my club, my community and my country.

4-H CLUB

Shirley Whitson ..... *President*
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Sherrill Tipton ..... *Secretary-Treasurer*

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There was a little robin, whose head was always bobbin',
Who remarked as he gobbled up a worm:
"I have eaten all his brothers and ninety-seven others,
But, Golly! How they tickle when they squirm!"

SENIOR DRAMATICS ALL THRU THE NIGHT

George Linville, Boyd Troutman, Shirley Whitson, Carol Harrell, Beulah Peterson, Clara Lee Masters, Gibbs Stanley, Ted Whitson.

THE DAFFODILS

For oft, when on my couch I lie,
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude.

SOPHOMORE DRAMATICS SPARKS FROM AN OLD FLAME

Earl Stanley, Virginia Mae Hughes, Keith Byrd, Angela Miller, John Bradshaw, Darlena Whitson.

THE NARCISSUS

The narcissus caused all the broad heavens above and all earth to laugh.

SENIOR CARNIVAL QUEEN AND ATTENDANTS

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BOYS' BASKETBALL

George Linville, R. L. Peterson, Norman Harrell, Earl Stanley, Jim Bryant, Gibbs Stanley, Darrell Slagle, Lloyd Whitson, Ted Whitson, Harlos Street, Virgil Hughes, Ted Tipton, Mr. A. D. Harrell, *Coach*.

THE TIGER LILY

...Imitate the action of the tiger:
Stiffen the sinews, summon up the blood.

BOYS' BASKETBALL RECORD

RUNNER-UP

TOE RIVER CONFERENCE

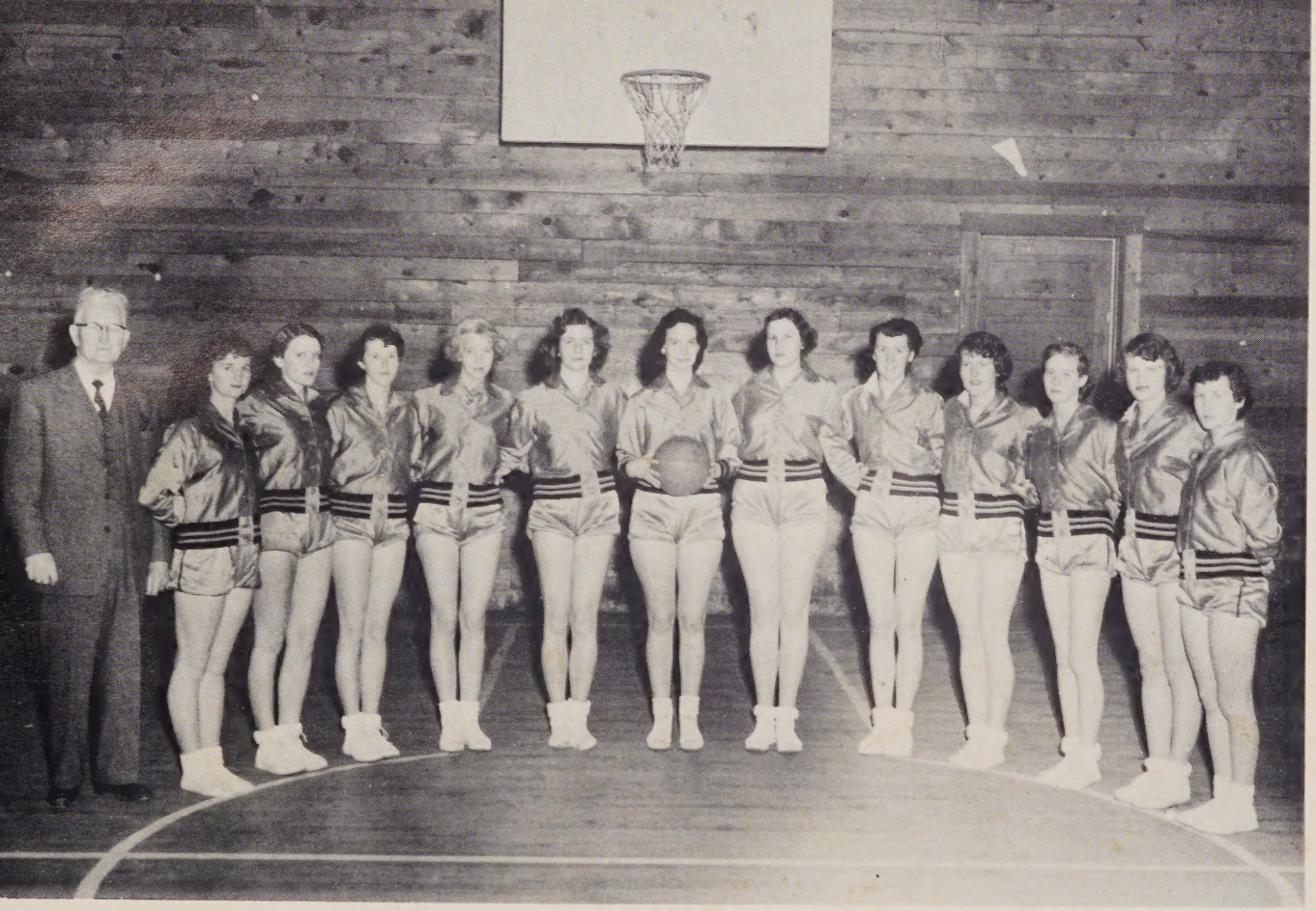
Tipton Hill	47	Clearmont	48
Tipton Hill	50	Bald Creek	45
Tipton Hill	71	Cranberry	56
Tipton Hill	49	Bee Log	41
Tipton Hill	46	Bakersville	40
Tipton Hill	67	Bald Creek	56
Tipton Hill	57	Burnsville	45
Tipton Hill	72	Newland	56
Tipton Hill	71	Micaville	43
Tipton Hill	45	Spruce Pine	52
Tipton Hill	50	Bee Log	44
Tipton Hill	66	Newland	59
Tipton Hill	49	Cranberry	44
Tipton Hill	69	Micaville	37
Tipton Hill	64	Spruce Pine	46
Tipton Hill	48	Clearmont	32
Tipton Hill	61	Bakersville	29
Tipton Hill	61	Burnsville	50

TOURNAMENT PLAY

Tipton Hill	63	Cranberry	47
Tipton Hill	52	Bee Log	40
Tipton Hill	48	Burnsville	50

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Darrell Slagle - 361; Gibbs Stanley - 330; Ted Whitson - 197



GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Coach: Mr. Beeson; Beulah Peterson, Carol Harrell, Edna Phillips, Darlena Whitson, Pansy Pate, Shirley Whitson, Lula Belle Hughes, Nealy Jo Gouge, Peggy Whitson, Frances Pate, Betty Miller, Virginia Mae Hughes.

THE SHOOTING STARS

There is no glory like the shooting stars!

GIRLS' BASKETBALL RECORD

RUNNER-UP

TOE RIVER CONFERENCE

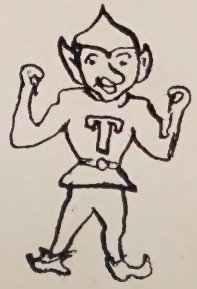
Tipton Hill	42	Clearmont	48
Tipton Hill	47	Bald Creek	32
Tipton Hill	50	Cranberry	36
Tipton Hill	50	Bee Log	47
Tipton Hill	37	Bakersville	33
Tipton Hill	45	Bald Creek	34
Tipton Hill	41	Burnsville	34
Tipton Hill	62	Newland	56
Tipton Hill	37	Micaville	33
Tipton Hill	37	Spruce Pine	45
Tipton Hill	46	Bee Log	36
Tipton Hill	45	Newland	49
Tipton Hill	37	Cranberry	28
Tipton Hill	45	Micaville	28
Tipton Hill	50	Clearmont	51
Tipton Hill	51	Spruce Pine	45
Tipton Hill	35	Bakersville	21
Tipton Hill	28	Burnsville	32

TOURNAMENT PLAY

Tipton Hill	62	Cranberry	42
Tipton Hill	51	Spruce Pine	57

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Carol Harrell - 462; Shirley Whitson - 322; Edna Phillips - 62



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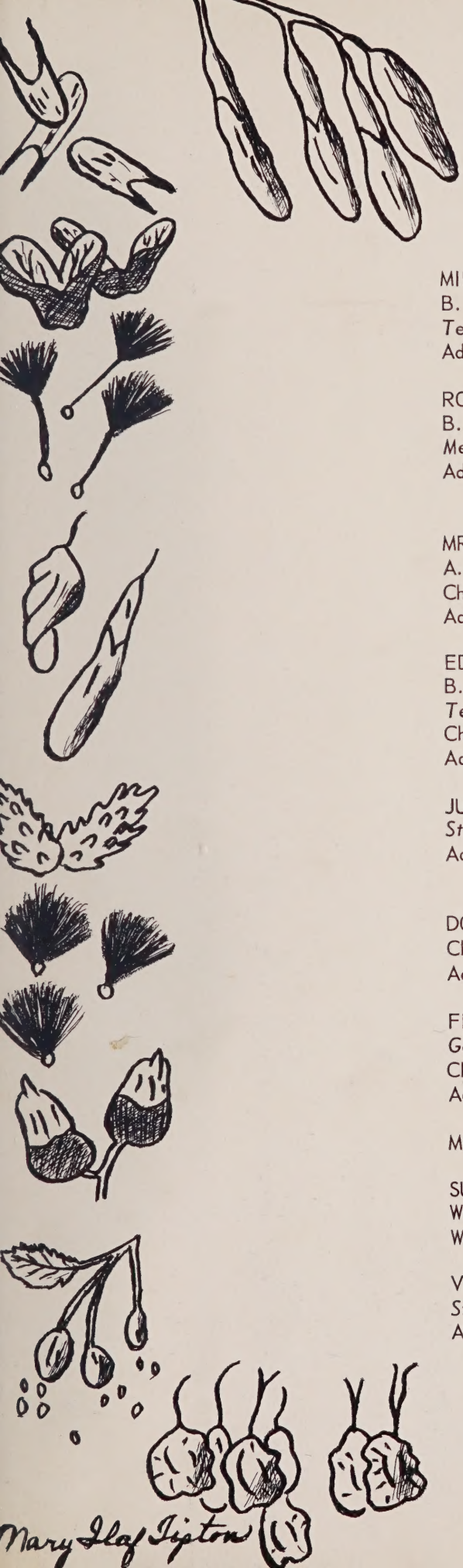

ALUMNI

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EDNA MAE HARRELL (Mrs. Shirlie Ham)
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Teacher
Child: Kathy Rebecca
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JUANITA HARRELL, Class 1952--*Valedictorian*
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I give you as we part,
For you it is the rose
For me it is my heart.

When the golden day is done,
Through the closing portal,
Child and garden, flower and sun
Vanish . . .

Dear Chris Dale: I hope that
by Prayer & Devotion
sometimes an assignment
marks me as a very dependable
which moved you always
yet I found you always
but Brother Zultan

Good Luck
M M Wells

Dear Alice, Let
me know when
you are coming to
Bozeman

Alice Dale,
You are a very fine person.
I wish you much
happiness in the future.
S.H.

Dear Dale,

alice it ben swt
to be your brother
all thes yeers
Charles

But miles nice Dale. I think you are fine
A.D.H.

Betty Griffit